MINUTES COMMITTEE ON LAW & LICENSING

February 25, 2014 - 2:00 p.m. Common Council Chambers, City Hall

Members Present: Chairperson Ald. Jodi VanderWeele, Vice Chairperson Ald. Kevin

Matichek, Ald. Susan Lessard, Ald. Scott Lewandoske, Ald. Bill Thiel

Others in Attendance: Assistant City Attorney Charles C. Adams, Lt. Scott Mittelstadt, Licensing

Clerk Cinda Langhoff, Ald. Mark Hermann, Mark Grimes, Ricardo Regalado Mendez, Ignacio Mendiola, Reynel Santana, Braden L. Eichhorst,

David A. Repinski

Chairperson VanderWeele called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction of committee members, staff and guests.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held February 11, 2014 was made by Ald. Matichek and seconded by Ald. Lessard. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 258-13-14 (2-3-14) – Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0283 (Braden L. Eichhorst); Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 2406 (Shelly M. Gates)

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

Braden L. Eichhorst appeared before the committee to discuss his application. After discussion of his record, Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lewandoske, to grant the license. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Shelly M. Gates failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to request via certified mailing Ms. Gates' appearance before the committee at its March 11th meeting. **All ayes; motion approved.**

<u>Update and discussion regarding Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 1089-Dave's Who's Inn (David A. Repinski, Agent)</u>

David A. Repinski appeared before the committee to review the steps he is taking to comply with the abatement plan, including enforcing the dress code, higher alcohol prices upstairs, obtaining a quote for outdoor LED lighting, and meeting with Officer Kehoe more often. Lt. Mittelstadt indicated that things at Dave's Who's Inn are improving nicely.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to follow up on this matter again in three months and to invite Mr. Repinski to attend the meeting. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Possible action regarding Taxicab Op. Lic. No. 0235 (Heather L. Kroenke)

Heather L. Kroenke failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to schedule a quasi-judicial hearing. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Presentations by potential applicants for available "Class B" alcohol beverage licenses

There is presently one "Class B" alcohol beverage license available. Ignacio Mendiola, Ricardo Regalado Mendez and Mark Grimes all appeared before the committee to present their cases regarding pre-applications for the available license.

Ignacio Mendiola spoke on behalf of Geno Nottolini's Pizza. Mr. Mendiola indicated that they are interested in having a separate building to host parties and/or receptions on weekends. The building at 1019 Erie Avenue is owned by Reynel Santana who was also present and spoke. Food would be prepared at the Indiana Avenue location and transported to Erie Avenue. There is parking for 40 cars.

Ricardo Regalado Mendez spoke on behalf of Hacienda Vieja at 1423 Union Avenue. Mr. Mendez assured the committee that he will be ready to open by mid-April.

Mark Grimes spoke on behalf of Marcus Cinemas. Mr. Grimes indicated that they are interested in a full liquor license which would be used in the future. They don't have room for a bar at this time. Remodeling of the theatres should be done in 60-90 days.

<u>Discussion and action regarding granting opportunity to apply for available "Class B" alcohol beverage licenses</u>

A motion was made by Ald. Lessard, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to invite Hacienda Vieja to apply for the available "Class B" alcohol beverage license. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 271-13-14 (2-19-14) – Various License Applications

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to call in Shipwrecked Change of Agent App. (William Skirvin) to discuss the application with the committee. Four ayes and one abstention (Ald. Lewandoske); motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in "Class B" Liquor Lic. App. No. 3044-Blondies Bar & Grill (Renee Kramer, Agent) to discuss the application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 7224 (Stephanie A. Bauer). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lewandoske, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0295 (Joshua J. Crook) to discuss his application with the committee. **Three ayes and two nays (Ald. Thiel and Ald. VanderWeele); motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0301 (Leslie A. Falle) to discuss her application with the committee. **Three ayes and two nays (Ald. Thiel and Ald. VanderWeele); motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 8062 (Justin D. Hildebrand) to discuss his application with the committee. **Three ayes and two nays (Ald. Thiel and Ald. VanderWeele); motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 3939 (Kelly L. Hindes). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 5032 (Amy S. Hurtienne). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 0298 (Roy E. Grueschow) to discuss his application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 9858 (Verlin C. Wicker). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant the remainder of the license applications for individuals and entities listed on the above-referenced R.O. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Discussion regarding potential non-renewal of licenses for the 2014-2015 license year

Discussion regarding the businesses that have closed their doors (The Cove, Rehab, Nine21 and Brisco County Wood Grille) or never picked up their licenses (Dicky's, Glas, El Valle and Sheboygan Mart I). The Cove has been closed since September 1, 2013. Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 1260-The Cove (Candace I. Teetzen) to discuss the matter with the committee. All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to instruct the Clerk's Office to send non-renewal letters to Rehab, Nine21, Brisco, Dicky's, Glas, El Valle and Sheboygan Mart I. **All ayes; motion approved.**

<u>Discussion and possible action regarding law violations that may require future action by the Committee</u>

ACA Adams and Lt. Mittelstadt indicated that they had no such violations to report at this time.

Ald. Lessard made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Matichek seconded the motion. **All ayes; motion approved.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on March 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers located at City Hall, 828 Center Avenue.